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SUBJECT: FAO WORLD FOOD MEETING

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1. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION
DESCRIBED REFTEL BUT UNWILLING TO BE FIRST TO SO ADVISE FAO.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF POSITIVE
RESULTS FROM MEETING AS PROPOSED BY BOERMA DUE TO SHORT NOTICE,
HENCE LACK OF ADEQUATE PREPARATION, OVERLY BROAD TERMS OF
AGENDA, AND HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION REQUESTED. SAID
ONLY PURPOSE OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE TO MAKE POLITICAL
DECISIONS, AND IT STILL TOO EARLY TO MAKE SUCH DECISIONS.
PREFER INSTEAD TO WAIT FOR BETTER DEFINITION OF PROBLEMS TO
EMERGE FROM WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS ALREADY SCHEDULED, INCLUDING
IWC COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER, BEFORE CONSIDERING NEED FOR SPECIAL
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HIGH LEVEL MEETING SUCH AS PROPOSED BY BOERMA. THEY SUGGESTED

TIMING FOR SUCH A MEETING, IF NECESSARY AT ALL, WOULD BE DECEMBER OR JANUARY. SAID THEY HAD ADVISED AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES HERE ALONG SAME LINES.

3. GOA UNWILLING TO TAKE LEAD IN ADVISING FAO OF ABOVE VIEWS. ASKED, HOWEVER, TO BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF US DECISION AND ASSURED US THAT IF MAJOR EXPORTERS REQUEST POSTPONEMENT, GOA WILL REPLY TO FAO INVITATION ALONG SAME LINES. IF ON OTHER HAND, MEETING IS HELD AS NOW PROPOSED BY FAO, ARGENTINA WOULD PARTICIPATE BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY GOA EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN ROME. THEY INDICATED REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE SENT FROM HERE.

4. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF ITS CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPORVE STANDING AMONG LDCS, GOA UNDERSTANDABLY UNWILLING TO TAKE LEAD IN MOVE WHICH MANY LDCS COULD INTERPRET AS CONTRARY TO THEIR INTERESTS. AT SAME TIME, GOA WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO OFFER AT SUCH A MEETING AND PROBABLY DOES NOT WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT COMING BREAD WHEAT CROP ONLY EXPECTED COVER DOMESTIC NEEDS AND POSSIBLY SMALL EXPORTS TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. STILL TOO EARLY ASSESS COARSE GRAIN PROSPECTS. LODGE

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